

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION 2013 FALL AND EARLY WINTER



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

To provide wholesome recreational sports and activities that will enhance the positive, social, emotional, physical, and overall development of the residents of the Town of Wilbraham. Such programs should attempt to meet the general needs of all the youth and adults in Wilbraham and should be conducted in a manner to assure a safe, enjoyable atmosphere and learning experience.

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*** 45C Post Office Park , Wilbraham, MA 01095 ***

*** Telephone: 596-2816 - FAX 596-2836 ***

*** Monday - Friday * 8:30AM-4:30PM * Registration Ends At 4:00PM ***

VISIT US AT www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec

All program information is subject to change, updates may be found on the website.

Please confirm program details at registration

WILBRAHAM PARKS & RECREATION

www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec

Our mission is to serve our community with a wide variety of wholesome and affordable activities... programs with you and your family in mind. Included in this brochure is information and details about upcoming programs and events as well as registration information. Many of our fall programs fill fast, so please note the registration dates; we don't want you to be disappointed.

Most programs allow for online registration. Visit our website and click the blue 'register online' button to go to our secure ActiveNet online registration site. Once you have an account with us, you will receive our short, monthly, informational e-newsletter, **THE WILBRAHAM WHISTLE**, which will keep you abreast of WPRD news.

Join us for a program or two...the benefits are endless



VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION...PLEASE NOTE !

Watching a good program die is painful. There is a point when, if there are not enough registrants, an activity is cancelled. Signing up late will not resurrect it! Please register during the designated registration periods.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Registration may be done for most programs online once an ActiveNet online account has been opened. A small on-line convenience fee is included for actual registrations only. There is no fee to open an account or check a program status.
- In-office registration is held Monday - Friday from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the WPRD office.
- Registration by mail will be accepted with proper registration forms and payment. Please don't mail a check without a registration form.
- Out-of-town registrations are welcome for indicated programs, with an additional charge.
- All programs are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space. Late fees may apply.
- Any check returned for insufficient funds is subject to a \$25.00 charge.
- All dates, times, and prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Commission.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Deadlines are used as a tool to determine whether there is enough interest in a program to run it. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space.

LATE FEES: Late fees for all activities will be assessed the first day after the registration deadline in the amount of \$10.00. Late fees are not assessed to penalize, but to encourage residents to register on time so the staff has sufficient time to plan programs, order enough program supplies and meet various league requirements. Online registration for many programs is extended without a late fee through the weekend following the Friday in-office deadline. Late fees are not refundable.

NON-RESIDENT FEES: For programs open to non-Wilbraham residents, an additional fee will be charged. The fee is noted at time of registration.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY: The WPRD reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine classes, adjust costs and change coaches, location or instructors or refund policies. In the event a program is cancelled by the WPRD, you will receive a full refund. Generally for recreational sports programs, if you notify the WPRD prior to the registration deadline, you will receive a refund minus an assigned administrative charge. Each program run by the WPRD has unique constraints. Check the form or call the WPRD for the specific refund policy on the program you are registering for at the time of registration.

TRIP REFUNDS: No refunds will be given once tickets have been purchased. You may give tickets away, but please notify the WPRD office so our rosters will be accurate.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATION: With our online registration program, you will receive a confirmation when you have registered online for a program. We will contact you only if there is a problem or change.

WAITING LISTS: All registrations are accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. If your desired program is filled, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list. When and if an opening becomes available, we will go to the waiting list to fill the spot.

PROMOTION: For promotional purposes, photographs/videos may be taken of participants and posted in printed material or posted on a website or other promotional material. If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please notify the WPRD in writing prior to the program start as well as notifying the photographer and/or class instructor or coach.



The Town of Wilbraham complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make special arrangements upon request. Please contact the WPRD Office (596-2816) at least 24 hours in advance.

Please do not drop your child off at a program...children must be checked in with the instructor at each program.



2013/2014 MONDAY DANCE PROGRAM

(AGES 1½ THROUGH TEEN)

Celebrating 25 years with the Wilbraham Recreation Department!
Come celebrate with us! ... Register by September 6 and receive a free 25th birthday t-shirt! The fall class will perform a 25th birthday celebration performance at the Eastfield Mall in December!



JAZZ ~ HIP ~ HOP ~ BALLET ~ TAP
PROGRAM RUNS SEPTEMBER 16 - MID - DECEMBER

Held at the Wilbraham Middle School Auditorium

Classes run approximately 30 minutes.

REGISTRATION AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 6: Online by mail or at the WPRD Office
A winter program is also offered ending with a delightful may recital

FEE: \$70.00 per child (\$80.00 for non-residents)

Dance classes are taught by instructors from Mary Ann Studio of Dance which has offered professional, age-appropriate instruction for the WPRD for 25 years!

All dance shoes are for sale at the 'Mary Ann Studio of Dance'
1168 Boston Rd. Spfld (near Wal-Mart)

QUESTIONS....Please call Mary Ann at 596-3127
www.maryannstudio.com also on Facebook: Mary Ann Dance

4:30PM	Ages 1½ - 3	Itty Bitty Music and Movement: Come learn basic skills, songs, and dances appropriate for 'our little ones' with some help from an adult, parent or caregiver.	Ballet and Tap shoes
5:00PM	Ages 3 - 6	Creative Movement: Have a dancer who loves to move to music? Dancers will learn the basics of dance; jazz, ballet and tap using upbeat kid-friendly music. Emphasis will be on learning basic techniques and creative movement dance routines.	Tap and Ballet shoes
5:30PM	Ages 5 - 7	Dance Workshop I: This creative class is for dancers that are a bit older. Here the focus is on age-appropriate hip-hop, jazz, tap and ballet. Emphasis will be on learning basic techniques and memorizing dance routines with some fun, upbeat music routines.	Tap and Ballet shoes
6:00PM	Ages 3½ - 6	Petite Stars: Dancers will learn the basics of dance; jazz, ballet and tap using upbeat kid-friendly music. Emphasis will be on learning basic techniques and delightful dance routines	Tap and Ballet shoes
6:30PM	Ages 6 - 8	Dance Workshop II: This exciting class builds on the basics and combines age-appropriate hip-hop and jazz, tap and ballet. Emphasis will be on learning basic techniques and memorizing dance routines.	Tap and either Ballet or Jazz shoes
7:00PM	Ages 8 - 11	Future Stars: This class is a bit more advanced and combines all the basics of dance and creative movement to produce exciting routines to age-appropriate hip-hop and jazz along with fast rhythmic tap and kick lines.	Tap and either Ballet or Jazz shoes
7:30PM	Ages 12 - Teens	Super Stars: These dancers enjoy a class of variety and creativity with more advanced techniques training. Dancers learn the newest and latest dance steps to age-appropriate popular jazz and hip hop music from TV, Broadway, movies and more.	Black Jazz or HH shoes

FALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

SPORTS UPDATE

- Football, Flag Football, Soccer, Field Hockey are up and running. Stop by the WPRD office for space availability.
- Spring 2014 Competitive baseball /softball evaluations are held in September to get a jump start on the season. Be sure to visit the WPRD website for details!
- Winter Ski Program for WMS students: Registration: Mid-November

RED CROSS BABYSITTERS TRAINING FOR AGES 11 and UP

Saturday, November 2, 9:00am– 3:30pm at the Wilbraham Senior Center

This course gives youth ages 11 to 15 years old the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, Babysitter's Training teaches youth how to: Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care; Make decisions under pressure; Communicate with parents to learn household rules; Recognize safety and hygiene issues; Manage young children; Feed, diaper and care for infants; Start their babysitting business. Certification does not expire.

\$100.00 Wilbraham Residents/ \$110.00 Non-Residents.

Register online, mail-in or at the WPRD office Sept. 10 - October 18 or until spaces fill. Space is limited.

FRIENDS of RECREATION SPEC POND 5K RACE and 1 Mile Walk!

All Ages welcome on September 28! Details on the web!

AFTER SCHOOL MAD SCIENCE - SECRET AGENT LABORATORY

Grades 4- 5 - Eight Thursdays, October 3 - November 21 - Soule Rd. School - Only \$129./student

Sharpen your secret agent skills in this exciting hands-on look at crime scenes with this popular program

Identify and collect evidence - from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Recreate the scene of a crime using clues and detailed observations. Use science and awesome technology tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects!

Topics range from sleuthing, sound detecting and trip wires, the spy world, and more!

Experienced instructor from the internationally recognized Mad Science Organization!

Register at: www.madscience.org/westnewengland or pick up mail in form at the WPRD office.

Register September 6 - 20 or until space fills.



FALCON VOLLEYBALL CLUB

COED-FOR GRADES 6-12 - Players from all sports welcome!

Registration runs Aug. 20-Sept. 6 or until spaces fill, online, mail-in or at the office.

The Wilbraham Falcon Volleyball Club is an exciting, fast paced coed volleyball program for beginning and advanced players! *Players quickly learn the basics of serving, receiving, setting, spiking, blocking, offense, defense as well as participating in game play.*

Six Saturdays beginning Sept. 21. Juniors– 9-11:00am/ Seniors 11:00am-1:00pm.

Wilbraham Middle School

Cost- \$35.Wilbraham Residents/ \$60.Non-Resident (\$10.00 late fee after 9/6)

Space is limited and waiting lists may be implemented.

SOFTBALL CLINICS

Rob Baroni, MRHS Softball Coach is holding a September Skill Builder Clinic!

Ages 12—14, Sept. 15 and 16. Ages 8 –11, Sept. 20, 22. All levels welcome.

\$20.00 Wilbraham Residents, \$30.00 Non-Residents. Register by Sept. 6!

Spec Pond McLaughlin Field.

A Softball Pitching Clinic will be offered in October/November...watch for details on the web!



2013-2014 WINTER BASKETBALL

Wilbraham Residents /School Choice Only (Add \$25.00)

► NOTE REFUND POLICIES ON REGISTRATION FORMS◄

YOUTH SUBURBAN BASKETBALL GRADES 5-8

COMPETITIVE TRYOUT TEAMS

(Players have the option of enrolling in recreational basketball if they do not get assigned to a Suburban team)

REGISTRATION: September 10 - 20 MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO TRYOUTS!

FEE: \$125.00- PLUS \$50.00 UNIFORM DEPOSIT (Please add a \$10.00 late fee after 9/20)

Register by mail or at the WPRD office. (Due to the required uniform deposit, no online registration is allowed).

BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS: GRADES 5 & 6 AND GRADES 7 & 8

PRACTICE STARTS EARLY NOVEMBER. SEASON RUNS THROUGH MARCH.

EVALUATION DATES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AS SOON AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED

NEW!

START SMART BASKETBALL: AGES 3-5

REGISTRATION: Wilbraham Residents November 26 - December 13 (\$10.00 late fee after 12/13)

REGISTRATION: Non-Wilbraham Residents December 2 - 13 (\$10.00 late fee after 12/13)

This program is all about fun! Come learn the basic motor skills necessary to play organized basketball, work one-on-one and spend quality time with a parent or caregiver. Focus will be on teaching children and parents skills in dribbling/ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Each week the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and the children show improvement. Start Smart will be held on six Saturdays from 9am-10am beginning mid-January. **An adult must be available to work with each child.**

FEE: \$25.00 Wilbraham Residents/ \$35.00 Non-Residents

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL: 5 or in WILBRAHAM KINDERGARTEN (Coed)

REGISTRATION: November 26 - December 6 (\$10.00 late fee after 12/6)

SPACE IS LIMITED, FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS. FEE: \$60.00

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GENERAL REGISTRATION MAY BE DONE ONLINE, MAIL IN OR AT THE WPRD OFFICE DURING DESIGNATED DATES

This is a non-competitive program that stresses the fundamentals of basketball in an educational and fun environment; dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, positioning and rebounding, and more. Program begins in early January and runs through March. Instructional practices run twice during the week in January. Six game schedule begins January. Once games begin there will be one practice during the week only if space permits. One game on the weekends - generally on Saturday morning.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: GRADES 1-2 (Not Coed)

REGISTRATION: November 26 - December 6 (\$10.00 late fee after 12/6)

SPACE IS LIMITED, FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS. FEE: \$60.00

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GRADE ONE / TWO REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 6- (Please add a \$10.00 late fee after 12/6)

This is a non-competitive program that begins to reinforce skills learned at the Kindergarten level by applying skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, positioning and rebounding, and more. Program begins in early January and runs through March. Practices run twice during the week in January. Ten game schedule begins in February. Once games begin there will be one practice during the week only if space permits.

One game on the weekends - generally on Saturday morning.

TOWN RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL GRADES 3 - 8 (Not Coed)

REGISTRATION: September 10 - 20 (\$10.00 late fee after 9/20)

SPACE IS LIMITED, FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

FEE: Grades 3/4: \$80.00 ~ Grades 5/6: \$90.00 ~ Grades 7/8: \$100.00

Register online, by mail or at the WPRD

This recreational program stresses participation, sportsmanship, development of skills and fun for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Teams practice once per week on weekdays. You will be notified of your child's specific practice day and time when your designated coach calls in November. Games will be on Friday evenings and Saturdays. There is a mandatory play rule enforced in this league. Practices will continue once games have started. Evaluations will be held in October, practices begin in November with games starting in December.

Everyone who registers on time will be assured a spot on a team. Games are scheduled to end in March.

You will be notified by email regarding evaluation dates or check the website after Sept. 16

INTRAMURAL BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION: November 26 - December 6 (\$10.00 late fee after 9/22)

► NOTE REFUND POLICY ON REGISTRATION FORMS◄

SPACE IS LIMITED, FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS. FEE: \$75.00 / Hampden and School Choice \$100.00

This is a recreational league, games only, no practices. Games start in early January and run through mid-March. Space is limited
Open to Wilb./Hampden/school choice high schoolers not playing in freshmen, JV and/or varsity basketball programs.